

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Tony Hammond

Ex Parte Communications

Docket No. RM2016-4

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS

(Issued February 12, 2016)

The Postal Service requests an extension of 9 working days, until February 29, 2016, to file comments in the proposed rulemaking.¹ The Postal Service explains that the weather-related closings and the previous and pending holidays have impacted personnel schedules during the comment period. Additionally, the Postal Service states that the proposed rules raise issues that warrant careful consideration and feedback, and that an extension will facilitate input from key internal stakeholders who have been focused on other matters.

Order No. 3005 originally established the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments as 30 days and 45 days, respectively, after the publication of the Order in the *Federal Register*.² The Postal Service's request for an extension does not appear to

¹ Motion for Extension of Time to Submit Comments on Proposed Ex Parte Communications Rulemaking, February 11, 2016 (Motion).

² Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding Ex Parte Communications, January 8, 2016 (Order No. 3005); 81 Fed. Reg. 1931-1935 (Jan. 14, 2016).

prejudice any interested person intending to file comments. The Postal Service's Motion is granted. Comments shall be due on February 29, 2016, and reply comments shall be due on March 15, 2016.

It is ordered:

1. The Postal Service's Motion for Extension of Time to Submit Comments on Proposed Ex Parte Communications Rulemaking, filed February 11, 2016, is granted.
2. The deadline for filing comments is extended to February 29, 2016.
3. The deadline for filing reply comments is extended to March 15, 2016.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary